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- 25X1 ☐ 1. There was no flying at Merseburg airfield between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 14 February, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 15 February, and between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 16 February. There were intermittent snow storms. A cloud base of about 200 meters existed and there was windy weather. On 16 February, about 10 unidentified aircraft were parked on the east end of the field and 10 swept-back jet fighters were observed on the western edge. Three horse-drawn vehicles occupied by air force soldiers were observed in Merseburg.
- 25X1 ☐ 2. Between 9 and 17 February, flying was observed only on 11 February. Two MiG-15s landed at the field at 4:30 p.m. on 13 February and four MiG-15s landed at 4 p.m. on 15 February. These aircraft probably just arrived at the field since there was no flying on these days. Recently, the radar set was located 100 meters northeast of the target range. The four or five large objects which were previously observed in the eastern section of the field were house trailers.
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- 25X1 * ☐ Comment. The report confirms the fighter regiment in Merseburg. The arrival of six new MiG-15s appears credible. This increases the total number of aircraft assigned to the regiment to 22. The observation of about 20 MiG-15s by source 1 on 16 February may confirm the arrival of new planes, since only 16 MiG-15s were previously observed at the field. It is not known where the aircraft came from, but it is believed probable that they are a part of a shipment which came from the U.S.S.R. on 1 February and was addressed to "erder. The radar set was observed in Merseburg for the first time on 25 January. It was temporarily moved. ☐ 25X1

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